

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4 remain in the present application. Claims 18, 19 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claims 18, 19 and 31 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schroeder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,797,098). Claims 18, 19 and 31 have been cancelled in the present amendment thus rendering the Examiner's rejections moot.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1 and 4 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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